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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 6th March 2024

Agasthyeshwara Swamy Maharathotsava on Mar. 8

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (VNS) - The Annual Maharathotsava of Agasthyeshwara Swamy, organised by Sri Balamuri Devalaya Abhivrudhi Samithi, will be held at Sri Balamuri Kshetra in Srirangapatna Taluk on Mar. 8 between 6.15 pm and 6.45 pm in the auspicious *Godhuli Lagna*.

The Maharathotsava will be inaugurated by Mysore Royal Family member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar. The rituals will begin with Guruprarthane, Ganapathi puja, Mahasankalpa, Punyaha Vaachana, Panchagavya, Mantapotsava and Rathabali prior to Maharathotsava.

Acharya Sri Lakshmi Narayanan of Sri Vishwamangala Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple, Belagola, will be accorded Poorna Kumbha welcome. Srirangapatna MLA Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda will inaugurate the Ratha Mandira.

Samithi President B.C. Sudhakar will preside. Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, former MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah, BJP leader Sachidananda, farmer leaders Nanjundegowda, Srinivasegowda and D. Vishakantegowda will be the chief guests.

Prasada distribution and staging of mythological play 'Sampoorna Ramayana' will be held at 7 pm on Mar. 8. This will be followed by *Annasantharpane* between 7 am and 11 am on Mar.9.

Rotary Kadamba theatre award presentation on Mar.15

Mysuru, Mar.6- Theatre personalities Shylaja and Udayakumar Gejje Hejje will be conferred with 'Rotary Kadamba Ranga' award at a programme to take place under the joint aegis of Kadamba Rangavedike and Rotary Mysore North at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises at 6.30 pm on Mar.15.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Monday, Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekar Kadamba said that senior actor Girija Lokesh will confer the award on the two theatre personalities. Rotary Zone-8 Assistant Governor M.K. Nanjaiah and Rotary Mysore North President M.K. Sridhar will be present. Bengaluru's Payana troupe will perform a humour play titled 'Namgen Belene Elva' directed by Arun Surya at 7 pm the same day, he said.

Rotary Mysore North Secretary Raju and Vedike Secretary Subbanarasimha were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

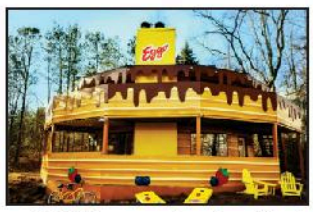
Fairness creams are no longer as popular as they used to be, says a surprising piece of consumer data from NielsenIQ. Younger audiences are seeking glow rather than fairness, say companies and fairness creams have grown significantly slower than 'clean' skincare and sun protection. Is this wholesome trend a sign of social change? Some time back, in part responding to global chatter, Indian companies figured out that they couldn't openly hawk their wares for whiter skin. Skincare products across the market changed their pitch.

We've come a considerable way from earlier days. But here's what to remember — what worked? All the scorn heaped on these products and all the pleas to intervene, to ban them didn't work. Matrimonial ads — wheatish, if not fair skin — didn't change. Women daubed turmeric or sandalwood or talcum powder to achieve various tints. With fairness products, supply simply met demand. The modern fetish for light in India was fed by caste, colonialism and global media. Today, we have more expressions of beauty to choose from, and we're moving with the times. There is little point in lecturing or hectoring anyone into seeking a different appearance ideal. The heart and the market have their reasons and they change when they do.

— In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Pancake house' available for rentals



Gatlinburg: A breakfast-themed house fashioned after a stack of pancakes, complete with a butter-shaped chimney, is being made available for three-night stays on four dates in Tennessee.

The Eggo House of Pancakes, constructed by Eggo in honor of Wednesday's National Pancake Day, is furnished with breakfast-inspired décor including pancake-inspired beds with strawberries and cream sheets and pillows. The house is located in Gatlinburg, described by Eggo as "the Pancake Capital of the South." "Flapjack-loving fans and families visiting this unique vacation destination will be transported into a pancake paradise from the moment they step inside. Breathe in the scent of sweet syrup-infused mountain air. Get cozy in the fluffy pancake beds and bean bag chairs," the company said.

Woman pays thugs to ruin bride's dress

Ciudad Obregón: A Mexican woman is being accused of paying three thugs to throw red paint on her future daughter-in-law's wedding dress to stop her from marrying her son.

On Feb. 17, a couple managed to get married in the town of Ciudad Obregón, Mexico's Sonora Province, despite facing constant harassment from the groom's family. The couple's plight went viral in Mexico after photos of the bride wearing a white wedding dress splattered with red paint started doing the rounds on social media. According to sources, as the bride was standing outside the church where the wedding ceremony was to take place, three thugs showed up and splattered her with red paint while recording the whole thing. This was the latest incident orchestrated by the groom's family to stop the couple from going through with the wedding.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tobacco smoke is a major contributor to respiratory diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer. Quitting smoking is one of the most impactful steps for lung health.

By Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan R. - Consultant – Pulmonology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Calling Child Care organisations

Mysuru, Mar. 6- The Child Care Centres (whether they are getting grants from the Government or not), which are engaged in the care and protection of children who are in conflict with the law, but have not registered under the Juvenile Justice Act (Child Care and Protection), are asked to mandatorily register within six months.

Individuals, organisations and other centres which have sheltered children in conflict with law, must compulsorily register. Otherwise, they are liable for imprisonment for upto one year and also liable for a penalty of Rs.1 lakh.

Hence, the unregistered Child Care Centres, organisations and individuals engaged in taking care of children in conflict with law, can visit the District Child Protection Unit, Anjanadri Main Road, Second Phase, Vijayanagar Fourth Stage and register soon. For more details, call Ph: 0821-2543003, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **89.64 feet**	Today's level **2,269.34 feet**	Today's level **2,830.45 feet**
Last year's level **105.02 feet**	Last year's level **2,265.75 feet**	Last year's level **2,827.91 feet**
Yesterday's level **89.72 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,269.47 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.51 feet**
Today's Inflow **292 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **79 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **189 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **747 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Gac fruit is one of those exotic fruits that is incredibly visually pleasing to look at. Its spiny orange rind and deep magenta red pulp gives it an ethereal, "out of this world" look. This small, melon-like fruit is native to southeast Asia and it is especially common in Vietnam.***
- ***Buddha's Hand might be one of the most peculiar looking fruits one has ever seen. It is a visually breathtaking fruit that looks like a deformed lemon with tentacles growing off of it. Thankfully, the smell and taste aren't as off-putting as its appearance, as it is said to have a lovely, lavender-like scent.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Terence: *Have any of your childhood dreams been realised?*

Bosco: *Only one of them... When my mom combed my hair, I used to wish I hadn't had any!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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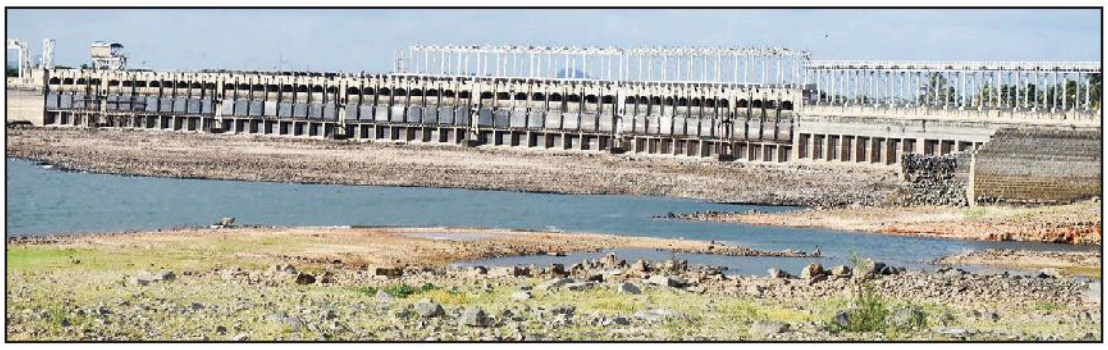
No drinking water crisis in Mysuru till May-end

Scorching heat, low storage levels at Dams heighten concerns; Officials ready with contingency plans



Mysuru, Mar. 6 (RK&BCT)- With Mysuru urban and rural areas staring at a possible drinking water crisis, officials from the District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) are actively formulating strategies to address the situation.

Notwithstanding the depleting levels at Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) and Kabini Reservoirs, authorities from the Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), the MCC's water supply division, remain optimistic about their ability to mitigate the crisis until the end of May.

This morning's water level at KRS Dam stood at 89.64 ft. as against the maximum level of 124.80 ft. In thousand million cubic feet (tmcft), the Dam's level stands at 15.725 tmcft while the maximum level is 49.452 tmcft. The live capacity is 7.346 tmcft while the remaining water is dead storage level.

Also, the KRS Dam has to supply water to Bengaluru that has a population of over 1.4 crore. Bengaluru is already facing a water crisis and the State Government has directed the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to take over irrigation and commercial borewells to supply water to parched areas.

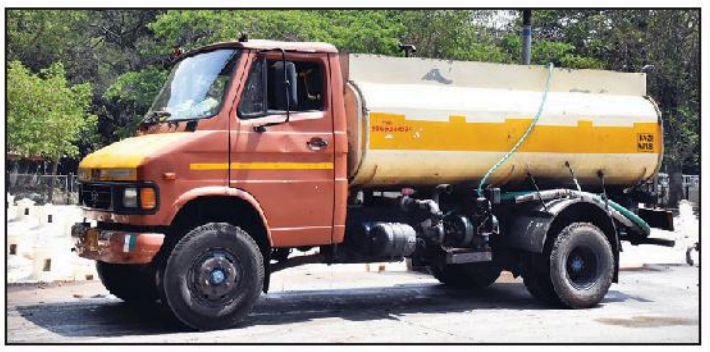
The level at Kabini Dam this morning stood at 2,269.34 ft. as against a maximum level of 2,284 ft. This reservoir has a maximum storage level of 19.52 tmcft while today's level stands at 11.36 tmcft.

Mar. 6 temperature 35 degrees Celsius

According to data from the Agro-Meteorological Field Unit (AMFU) of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) at the Organic Farming Research Station in Naganahalli near Mysuru, the district experienced temperatures of 34.9 degrees Celsius on Mar. 3, 34.2 degrees Celsius on Mar. 4 and 34.9 degrees Celsius on Mar. 5.

Today's temperature has slightly risen, reaching 35 degrees Celsius. However, temperatures are expected to decrease slightly to 34 degrees Celsius on Mar. 7 and Mar. 8, further dropping to 33 degrees Celsius on Mar. 9 and 32 degrees Celsius on Mar. 10.

Requisition for 40 water tankers to supply water to 65 Wards

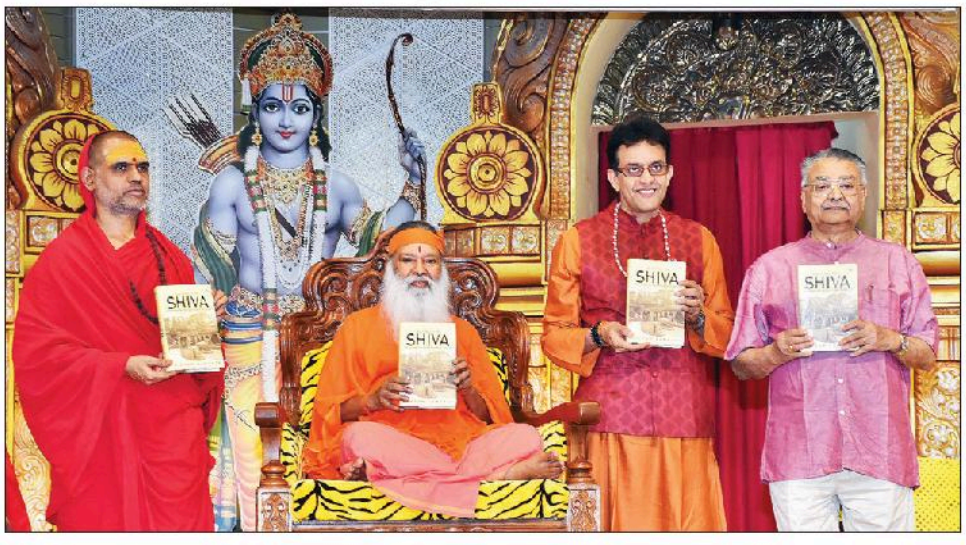


Speaking to *Star of Mysor*e this morning, Ashwin Kumar, Executive Engineer of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), revealed that currently, nine water tankers are deployed to provide water to areas experiencing scarcity and those not connected to water pipelines. "We are requesting an additional 40 tankers to ensure water supply to all 65 wards in case of a crisis," he stated.

He expressed confidence that they could stave off the water crisis till the end of May. The available water could last till then after which the inflow to the reservoirs is expected to rise due to the onset of South West monsoon in June.

"As a precautionary measure, we have repaired 25 defunct borewells of the 850 borewells in the city limits. In addition, private borewells will be taken on rent to supply water," he added.

Dr. Vikram Sampath's book 'Waiting for Shiva' released



Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji seen releasing Dr. Vikram Sampath's latest book 'Waiting for Shiva: Unearthing the Truth of Gyan Vapi' in city this morning as** (from left) **Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, author Dr. Vikram Sampath and Founder-Editor of** Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra **Dr. K.B. Ganapathy look on.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji underscores importance of 'Bhakthi' and understanding history

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (BLU&BCT)- Eminent historian Dr. Vikram Sampath's latest book, '*Waiting for Shiva: Unearthing the Truth of Gyan Vapi,*' was released by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, the Founder-Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road this morning.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, author Vikram Sampath and Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Dr. K.B. Ganapathy were present on the occasion.

(See DR. SAMPATH'S BOOK on page 9)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Training in mobile repair and service

The city's RUDSET Institute, located at Hinkal on Hunsur Road, has invited applications from unemployed eligible persons (both men and women) for admission to month-long skill training course in mobile repair and service. The applicants must be aged between 18 and 45 years and should be able to read and write Kannada. The course (Mar. 6 to Apr. 4) is free with food and accommodation. For details and admission, contact Ph: 0821-2519663 or 94498-60466 or 98440-13948 or 63610-19245, according to a press release.

Workshop for competitive exam

With the Karnataka Government conducting written exam for recruitment of Village Administrative Officers, the city's Netaji Education Foundation will be conducting a free one-day workshop for the exam at its premises on Krishna Vilas Road, near Jaganmohan Palace, tomorrow (Mar. 7). For registration and details, contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745, according to a press release.

Volleyball Tournament

As part of National festivals celebration, the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Mysuru, will be conducting a District-level one-day Men and Women Volleyball Tournament at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad tomorrow (Mar. 7). Men and women's team from Mysuru district only can take part in the tournament. There will be three prizes. For details, visit the Department office at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad or contact Ph: 0821-2564179 or Mob: 82778-21212, according to a press release from the Department Assistant Director.

Felicitation

Dr. Usha Hegde *Rachana Mahesh*

Trinity College of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, will be celebrating International Women's Day at its premises on Mar. 7 at 11.30 am by felicitating Dr. Usha Hegde, Professor and HOD at JSS Dental College & Hospital, an Ironman-certified Triathlon Coach and Rachana Mahesh, the Founder and Managing Director of Edukare ITES & Womencan Trust, according to a press release.

Guides to accompany devotees visiting Nagamale near MM Hills

Private vehicles prohibited from operating till March-end

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (MTY&BS)- Henceforth devotees visiting Nagamale near Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) in Chamarajanagar district will be accompanied by guides to ensure both visitor safety and the preservation of wildlife, which faces threats due to the large influx of people.

In response to recent developments impacting forest resources and wildlife, the Forest Department has imposed a temporary ban on devotee visits to Nagamale from Feb. 17 until the end of March. According to the order issued by Forest officials, only priests conducting customary rituals at Nagamale are permitted to visit, while all others, including trekkers, are strictly prohibited.

Nagamale is home to a historic cave believed to be the site where Lord Mahadeshwara undertook penance before revealing himself to his devotees. This legend continues to draw devotees visiting MM Hills to Nagamale, which is located 14 kms away from the hill shrine.

Over the years, the number of devotees, especially those with vows, has significantly increased at Nagamale. Despite the absence of a proper road from MM Hills to Nagamale, devotees have continued to visit the cave temple on foot.

Number of vehicles multiply

Recognising the challenges faced by devotees and the risks associated with the route through forested areas, Forest authorities began constructing a rough road to Indiganaththa village in 2010. This allowed private vehicle operators to transport devotees up to six kilometres, with the remaining eight kilometres covered on foot.

Initially, the number of vehicles operating in Nagamale was modest, but it steadily increased to 10, then 50 and eventually reached 100 vehicles. The surge in devotee numbers led to a demand for more vehicles, resulting in a rise in violations, including the operation of vehicles without Fitness Certificates and Motor Vehicle Insurance Cover, and some even lacking registration plates.

The violations persisted unchecked, with vehicles exceeding the capacity of eight passengers, and passengers even occupying the bonnet and roof of the vehicles, resulting in a total of 18 to 20 passengers per vehicle. Concerned by numerous complaints regarding these issues, the Forest Department has imposed a temporary ban on vehicle movement to Nagamale.

A haven for trekkers

Nagamale is also a haven for trekkers, who frequently embark on hikes from MM Hills, often disregarding the narrow passages, traversing dense forests and navigating elevated and sloped terrain. Unfortunately, these trekkers have been leaving various types of waste behind, posing a significant challenge for the Forest Department to manage.

To control unauthorised trekking activities, the Forest Department is implementing an online system for trekkers to obtain permission before venturing towards Nagamale. Trekkers will be required to register their names online and pay a stipulated fee, with the Forest Department making necessary arrangements for this purpose.

Forest officials are considering deploying unemployed youths from villages along the route to Nagamale as guides. These guides would accompany visitors, including both vehicle-bound travellers and trekkers. It is proposed that the amount previously paid per person (Rs. 120 to Rs. 140) to travel in vehicles to Nagamale should now be paid to these guides.

No intention to restrict devotees: DCF

G. Santosh Kumar, DCF of Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division, emphasised the need for accountability in the event of accidents, given the excessive number of travellers.

In a recent incident, a resident of Bengaluru was attacked by a wild elephant while trekking towards Nagamale at 9 pm. Considering these incidents, a temporary ban has been imposed on visiting Nagamale.

However, he clarified that there is no intention to restrict devotees, but rather a deep concern for their safety. Local youths will be trained as guides before being deployed, which is expected to ensure compliance with regulations and mitigate indiscriminate waste disposal in the forest.

Subsequently, a fee-based system will be introduced to reopen Nagamale to tourists and visitors, operating under the new guidelines.

Devotees can visit Nagamale by foot till Mar. 10: Forest Dept.

In view of Mahashivarathri Jathra Mahotsava on Mar. 8 at Male Mahadeshwara Hills, devotees can visit Nagamale near the Hills by foot from Mar. 3 to 10 between 6.30 am and 10.30 am and have to return by 5.30 pm, according to the permission issued by Forest Department.

Recently the State Forest Minister had issued an order banning trekking in Forests across the State.

Complying with the order, trekking had been banned in Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division too. However, it was permitted to allow only those trekkers who book online, to trek from Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division to Nagamale.

The ban on visiting Nagamale by vehicle continues to remain in force. The disposal of plastic waste in forest area is prohibited and the violators will be dealt with a stringent action, warned DCF (Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Division) Dr. Santosh Kumar.

Sixth standard admission

Mysuru, Mar. 6- The Minorities Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible 5th std. students for admission to 6th std. (2024-25) in Morarji Desai Residential Schools at Anivalu village in Periyapatna; at T. Narasipur taluk (new one) and in Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School at Doddakanya village in Mysuru taluk.

Students currently studying in 5th std. can apply through Seva Sindhu portal *https://sevasindhu services.karnataka.gov.in*

Last date to apply is Mar. 15. For details, visit the Department Office at Moulana Azad Bhavan near Shobha Garden, Mysuru-Bengaluru Road or call Ph: 0821- 2422088. For information, call Mysuru Taluk Centre on Mob: 89510-87207, T. Narasipur: 98452-10242, Nanjangud: 97435-67567, H.D. Kote: 96631-57476, K.R. Nagar: 99863-46893, Hunsur: 96207-50935, Periyapatna: 63626-61474.

VOICE OF THE READER

Poor maintenance of Public Parks

Sir,

This is to draw the attention of the MCC authorities concerned towards the poor maintenance of Mathuranagar Park in Metagalli extension.

The dry leaves are being burnt regularly which in turn creates bad smoke. Due to the smoke, we the citizens are not able to breathe good air. The elderly people and kids are facing difficulties in breathing too.

Also elderly people are unable to walk freely as the Park is not maintained properly. The green area is littered with garbage and plastic waste. This park has turned into a playground where kids play all round the day creating so much dust. The entire park is totally neglected. Metal railings and playground equipment are rusting due to neglect.

Therefore, I would like to request the authorities concerned and the area Corporators to look into this and improve the condition of the Parks for the convenience of the tax-paying residents.

—Vignesh Gowda

Mysuru

29.2.2024

MCC identifies place to dump construction waste

CA site 05 Hanchya-Sathagalli 'A Zone'

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (BCT)- Despite being recognised as the cleanest city in India during the initial editions of *Swachh Survekshan,* Mysuru has of late experienced a decline in its rankings. In response, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is taking proactive steps to rectify the situation and enhance its standing in the rankings.

A significant factor contributing to Mysuru's slip in the rankings is the absence of a construction debris recycling plant. To address this issue and other challenges in solid waste management, the MCC has initiated corrective measures.

The MCC has officially designated CA site 05 Hanchya-Sathagalli 'A Zone' as the authorised dumping site for construction waste. This move aims to streamline the disposal process and prevent indiscriminate dumping in unauthorised areas.

According to a statement released by the MCC Commissioner, strict penalties and legal consequences, including the possibility of criminal charges, will be imposed on individuals or entities found dumping construction waste outside of the designated CA site 05 Hanchya-Sathagalli 'A Zone'.

Presently, construction debris is being indiscriminately dumped along both sides of the Outer Ring Road (ORR), as well as on the medians, where remnants of bricks, concrete structures and waste-filled plastic sacks are strewn. This hazardous debris poses a significant risk to road users, particularly two-wheeler riders, as it obstructs the smooth flow of traffic and increases the likelihood of accidents.

ORR is frequently used by factory workers commuting daily to Hebbal and Koorgalli Industrial Areas on their two-wheelers. Vehicles on this stretch often travel at high speeds, further exacerbating the danger posed by the scattered debris. Additionally, the presence of a slope along the road, obscured by debris, creates an added risk for unsuspecting riders who may not notice the hazard until it's too late.

Vehicular traffic banned on Dhanvanthri Road for UGD works

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Due to underground drainage works taken up by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), vehicular movement on the stretch from Dasappa Circle to Sangeetha Vidwan Devendrappa Circle on Dhanvanthri road in the heart of the city, has been banned for some days.

The vehicular traffic ban has been enforced for enabling laying of UGD pipeline from Anjaneyaswamy Temple adjoining CFTRI main entrance gate on KRS road to J.K. Grounds. Motorists are advised to take alternative routes.

Accordingly, motorists coming from KRS main road have to take a left turn at Dasappa Circle and travel towards Babu Jagjivan Ram Circle (Railway Station Circle) to reach Puttugopalashetty Circle (J.K. Grounds) and move onwards.

Motorists coming from Hunsur road and JLB road side should travel from Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Hotel Metropole Circle) and move forward.

Motorists coming from Jagjivan Ram Circle side should travel via Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle and pass through Vinoba road for onward journey.

Motorists coming from Dhanvanthri road and Dewan's road should travel via Puttugopalashetty Circle and Babu Jagjivan Ram Circle or through D. Ramaswamy (Appajappa) Circle - Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle and move onwards.

District Minister launches Panchamitra Portal

Avail services online through https://panchamitra.karnataka.gov.in

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SBD&BS)- Social Welfare and Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa launched Panchamitra Portal developed by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department here on Monday.

Dr. Mahadevappa, who released the posters of Panchamitra marking the formal launch of the portal at Jaladarshini Guest House said, "It will be a platform for the general public to submit applications online to avail various information and details, facilities and track the status of applications and file grievances."

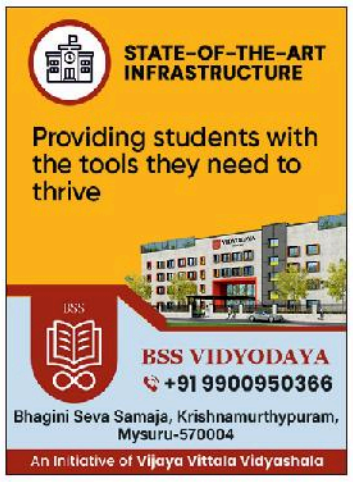
Nanjangud MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan launched the portal and WhatsApp Chat at his office in Nanjangud Taluk Office premises.

He said "There is no need for the public to run from pillar to post at Gram Panchayat (GP) offices as the can solution to their grievances through WhatsApp chat from the comfort of their home. The people in rural areas should make use of the portal."

How to access WhatsApp Chat?

To use Panchamitra WhatsApp Chat save **82775-06000** number. The language has to be selected first, followed by name, address and cellphone to login to the portal. By selecting the given roll numbers, users should select district, taluk and villages falling under the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat (GP) and obtain information of elected representatives and staff.

One can apply for services related to possession certificate, permission for road digging, permission to establish industries and farm related production units, No Objection Certificate (NoC), Job Card, provision of jobs under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Form 9/11A, Form 9/11B among several other services.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Mysuru's Golfing Cousins

Having commenced their golfing journeys at a tender age, both Pranavi S. Urs and Vidhatri K. Urs from Mysuru have not only brought pride to their city but also to the nation. While Pranavi has excelled in the professional circuit, Vidhatri is recognised as a prominent amateur golfer. S.N. Venkatnag Sobers of *Star of Mysore* had the opportunity to engage in a brief conversation with the talented golfing cousins to learn about their aspirations for 2024 and beyond. — Ed

'Perseverance, determination motivate me to go stronger'

— Pranavi S. Urs

Star of Mysore (SOM): How did you get into golf?

Pranavi Urs: My interest in golf sparked when I accompanied my brother and father to the golf course attached to the Mysore Race Club (MRC). Watching them play intrigued me, and I began to develop a passion for the sport. At the tender age of 7, I even participated in the South Zone Junior Golf Tournament, where I emerged victorious. This early success fuelled my determination to pursue golf further.

SOM: You faced an injury setback and had to withdraw from the Asian Games trials in 2022. However, you managed to qualify later on. What are your thoughts on this journey?

Pranavi Urs: It would be inaccurate to say luck wasn't on my side. Indeed, I encountered a setback due to injury, forcing me to withdraw from the Asian Games trials in 2022. Yet, earning a spot in the Asian Games 2023 and representing my country on an international stage as a professional golfer is an achievement I deeply cherish. Reflecting on 2018, when I failed to qualify due to poor form, this journey has been a testament to perseverance and determination.

SOM: What's your experience as a full-time member of the Ladies European Tour (LET)?

Pranavi Urs: Transitioning from playing the Ladies European Tour as a non-member to now participating as a full-fledged member brings a unique sense of accomplishment. This year, focusing solely on LET tournaments, I aim to perform consistently and aim for the top positions.

SOM: Travelling extensively is part and parcel of being a professional golfer. How do you manage the demands of constant travel?

Pranavi Urs: I've grown accustomed to the travel lifestyle, so there are no complaints from my end. During flights, I simply utilise the time to rest and rejuvenate. Each new week brings fresh challenges and I approach them with readiness and determination.

SOM: What's it like to play alongside Vidhatri Urs?

Pranavi Urs: While we haven't had many opportunities to play together in the past year, whenever we do, it's always enjoyable banter on the course. Vidhatri is a talented player who has shown significant improvement as an amateur. I'm genuinely delighted to see her progress.

Pranavi Urs hails from a family residing in Lakshmipuram. She is the daughter of Sharath Chandra Raj Urs and M.L. Kaivalya Urs and she has an elder brother Samarth Urs, who oversees the family business.

'I am planning to leap into professional status this year'

— Vidhatri K. Urs

Star of Mysore (SOM): You've excelled in the amateur golf circuit. What motivated you to pursue golf as a sport?

Vidhatri Urs: Watching my cousin Pranavi, along with her brother, play golf at the Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) sparked my interest in the sport. Eventually, I joined the junior camp and from that moment on, there was no turning back.

SOM: Winning the All India Ladies Golf Championship and defeating top-ranked players, must be a remarkable achievement. How does it feel?

Vidhatri Urs: Participating in the tournament for the past 3-4 years, I always harboured the desire to emerge victorious. Despite playing in numerous tournaments consecutively without clinching the championship, I remained determined. Finally achieving victory in the championship brings an indescribable sense of joy and fulfilment.

SOM: You're on the brink of transitioning into a professional golfer. What are your thoughts on this?

Vidhatri Urs: After finishing second in the amateur circuit last season, I decided to continue as an amateur for the opportunity to participate in more international tournaments, which I believe will provide invaluable experience. I plan to leap into professional status by the end of this year.

SOM: Can you share some details about your upcoming tournaments?

Vidhatri Urs: Currently, I'm preparing for the Women's Golf Association of India (WGAI) tournament at the DLF Golf Course in Delhi, scheduled for March 11-15. Following that, I'll be competing in The Queen Sirikit Cup, the Asia-Pacific Amateur Ladies Golf Team Championship, in New Zealand from March 18-23.

SOM: As one of the top-ranked amateur women golfers in India, what are your aspirations for the future?

Vidhatri Urs: My immediate goal is to attain the number 1 ranking in the Amateur Golf Circuit before transitioning into the professional realm. Ultimately, I aspire to represent my country at the Olympics.

SOM: Could you share some insights about Pranavi Urs?

Vidhatri Urs: Pranavi has showcased remarkable performance in recent years. It's incredibly inspiring to have a family member whom I can look up to for guidance and support.

Vidhatri Urs is the daughter of M.L. Kantharaj Urs and R.N. Ramya Urs, residing in Lakshmipuram. She has an elder sister, Dyuthi Urs, who is completing her final engineering year, and a younger brother, Atray Urs, currently studying in Class 9.

ZP Deputy Secretary B.M. Savitha inaugurates women's sports meet

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Deputy Secretary B.M. Savitha said that sports is important for maintaining physical and mental health.

She was speaking after inaugurating the women's sports meet jointly organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) as part of International Women's Day (Mar. 8) celebrations, at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad here yesterday.

Noting that women work both inside homes and offices with equal importance, she said that there are stressful conditions everywhere and sports acts as a tool to get relief from stress. She called upon women to take part more in sports and achieve success on par with men.

ZP Deputy Secretary-2 Dr. M. Krishnaraju said that such sports meet will help women get relieved from their daily stress and work pressures. He also underlined the need for displaying sportsmanship all the time and accept victory or loss gracefully.

DYES Assistant Director Bhaskar Nayak, senior Geologist Dr. K.N. Pushpavathi, NSS Officer Dr. Lakshmi Palodi, M. Lavanya Vijayalakshmi, R. Sundaresh and others were present.

Hundreds of women from across the district took part with enthusiasm in the day-long sporting event, which featured Athletics events like Running Race, Long Jump & Shot-Put and games such as Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Musical Chair, Throwball and Tug-of-War.

All the participants were distributed Pink coloured T-shirt and a white cap.

De Paul students emerge Champions in Inter-Collegiate Tournaments

De Paul College, Mysuru, secured the Championship Trophies at the Mysore University Mandavya Zone Inter-Collegiate Football, Hockey and Shuttle Badminton (Men and Women) Tournaments 2023-24 hosted by PES College, Mandya, on Mar. 4. They were trained under Physical Education Director R. Angeline Francis Mary and Assistant Physical Education Director John Holsat Haokip. Principal Rev. Dr. Biju Antony CM has congratulated the winning students and trainers.

Inauguration of Eye Retrieval Centre at MRC Eye Hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Mysore Race Club (MRC) Charitable Trust and Lions International Eye Bank, a unit of Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust, have jointly organised a function to inaugurate the Eye Retrieval Centre at MRC Eye Hospital in Siddarthanagar here on Mar. 9 at 4 pm.

The Eye Retrieval Centre will be inaugurated by MRC Charitable Trust and MRC Chairman K.M. Chandregowda in the presence of District Governor of Lions International District 317G Ln. Dr. N. Krishnegowda, District Governor of Lions International District 317A Ln. Suresh Ramu and District Lions Service Foundation District 317G Chairman PDG Ln. Devegowda.

Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust Managing Trustee PDG Ln. P.S. Premnath will preside.

Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust Hon. Secretary Ln. Dr. I.S. Prasad, Sr. Vice-Chairman Ln. B. Chinnaswamy Setty, Vice-Chairman Ln. R. Kashinath, Eye Bank Director Dr. Rekha Gyanchand, MRC Charitable Trust In-Charge Secretary Dr. M.R. Jagannath and others will be present, according to a press release.

No meat sale on Mar. 8

Mysuru, Mar. 6- On account of Mahashivarathri Festival, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has banned sale of all types of meat on Mar. 8. Accordingly, all meat shops and slaughter houses in the city have been ordered to shut down on Friday, according to a press release.

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1)Agricultural dry Land bearing Sy No. 38/1 measuring 2 Acres-12 Guntas AND 2] Agricultural dry Land bearing Sy No. 43/1 measuring 1 Acre-35 Guntas Both the said properties situated at Badanavalu village, Kasaba Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk bounded on the East by: Agricultural Land of Madappa, West by: ROAD, North by: ROAD and Sy. No.37, South by: Agricultural Land of Chandrappa & Smt. Vasantha.

Sd/- **H.C. PRAKASH**, B.Com, LL.B., Advocate, No. 393, First stage, Industrial suburb, 7th Main, Vishweshwaranagar, Mysore- 570008.

Date: 04.03.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given to the general public at large that my client Smt. Sumana M., W/o Late Sri. R. Narasimhamurthy, residing at D. No.:827, New Kantharaja Urs Road, Kuvempunagar, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru, Karnataka is the absolute and lawful owner in possession of the notice schedule property and the same has been duly held by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru in R.F.A. No.: 1309/2011 & R.P. No.: 601/2013 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (C) Nos.: 29273-29274/2014 has also upheld the decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru. It is hereby notified that no other person has any right, title or interest over the notice schedule property and the general public is cautioned not to deal with the same with any other person in any manner and in the event any person/s enter into transaction with any other third party/s my client shall not be held liable for the same and no claim in this regard will be entertained.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:

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ZP to launch toll-free drinking water helpline

Lok Sabha election Model Code of Conduct will not hamper drought relief efforts: DC

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (RK&BCT)- In response to a potential drinking water crisis, the Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) is set to introduce a toll-free drinking water helpline, enabling residents to report water shortages anytime.

ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri informed *Star of Mysore* this morning that the ZP has already submitted an application for the toll-free number with BSNL, and it is expected to be announced within the next day or two.

"We have prepared contingency plans, which include the re-drilling of old and unproductive borewells, as well as the drilling of new borewells and water supply via tankers. In each Taluk, a Task Force led by the MLA and consisting of the Executive Officer, Tahsildar and Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), has been established. This Task Force will assess the on-ground situation and request funds from the Deputy Commissioner to address the crisis," she added.

Yesterday, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra assured the officials that the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections would not hinder drought relief efforts.

This assurance came following a video conference with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, during which the drought situation across the State was assessed and preparations were reviewed.

The DC emphasised that there were sufficient funds available and instructed officials to ensure that no community faced drinking water shortages during the impending summer months, when water scarcity would be at its peak.

In the meeting with DCs, CM Siddaramaiah instructed them to not only address water scarcity but also increase MGNREGA employment from 100 to 150 days. Officials were instructed to utilise all available resources, including tapping private borewells, to alleviate water scarcity and to supply water through tankers.

Additionally, the CM mandated the establishment of control rooms at taluk levels specifically dedicated to address water scarcity and officials were advised against taking leave during this crisis period.

HC scraps board exams for classes 5, 8, 9 and 11

Bengaluru, Mar. 6 (Agencies)- In a setback to the State Government, the Karnataka High Court this morning quashed the notification of the School Education and Literacy Department of conducting board exams for classes 5, 8 and 9 for the State Board syllabus and class 11.

The Single Judge Bench headed by Justice Krishna Dixit upheld the arguments of the registered associations of private unaided schools who argued that conducting board examinations for 5, 8, 9 and 11 violates the Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) model enshrined in the Right To Education Act (RTE) 2009. The examinations were scheduled to commence from Mar. 11.

The State Government had announced the board exams for classes 9 and 11 in September last year. The Government had ordered educational institutions including aided and unaided schools to conduct board exams.

The Karnataka chapter of the Registered Unaided Private Schools-2019 Management Association (RUPSA) had approached the HC seeking scrapping of the Government order. After hearing the writ petition, the High Court ruled in favour of the RUPSA and cancelled the board exams for classes 5, 8, 9 and 11.

Training in Bee-keeping for farmers on Mar.12

Mysuru, Mar.6- The Agriculture Department has organised a one-day training programme for farmers and women farmers in Apiculture (Bee-keeping) at Naganahalli District Agricultural Training Centre in the taluk on Mar.12.

The participant farmers will be provided free food. Admission is limited to 50 farmers (men and women). For registration and details, Mob: 82779-33180, according to a press release.

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Kindarijogi premises decked for 'Janapada Sambhrama'

Folk extravaganza to be launched this evening; Formal inauguration of Bahuroopi-2024 tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (MTY&VNS)- With the inauguration of Janapada Sambhrama, organised as a part of 5-day Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival-2024, scheduled this evening, artistes of various folk troupes from across the State and outside arrived at Rangayana on Vinoba Road in the city to prepare for the mega event.

Artistes were seen rehearsing for the event on the stage erected in front for Kindarijogi statue in Kalamandira premises.

While, the theatre festival will be inaugurated tomorrow, the Janapada Sambhrama will be inaugurated by renowned folk artiste Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy at 5.30 pm today. Folklorist Dr. Jayalakshmi Seethapura will be the chief guest.

The inaugural day of folk festival will feature *Jogati Nruthya* by Jeevana Belaku Kala Tanda of Rona followed by *Geegee Pada* by Jai Bheem Gegee Kala Tanda of Neelagunda, both from Gadag district.

The festival will also feature other folk performances including *Chande Vadana*, *Kamsale*, *Veeraghase*, *Nadaswara, Garudi Gombe, Dhangari Gaja, Gudum Baja, Dollu Kunita, Puja Kunita* among others by artistes from Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh till Mar. 11.

Preparations have also been made for the book exhibition and stalls have also been set up for food mela, sale of handicrafts, apparels, jewellery and others.

Rangayana has also opened a reception counter at the entrance where the programmes being held will be announced along with the information of venues and timings. Theatre buffs can also access pamphlets at the counter to get information about the events being organised till Mar. 11 at Rangayana and Kalamandira premises. Display boards with information about various events have also been erected in Rangayana and Kalamandira premises for the benefit of the visitors.

Meanwhile, Rangayana, Kalamandira, Kirurangamandira, B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Vanaranga, Bhoomigeeta and Sriranga have been decked for the week-long theatre festival.

Theatre enthusiasts were seen visiting Rangayana to purchase entry tickets for the plays of their choice. This year's Bahuroopi theatre festival, organised with the theme 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava' will be formally inaugurated by renowned lyricist Jayanth Kaikini at Vanaranga tomorrow (Mar. 7) at 4.30 pm.

Actor, BJP leader Malavika Avinash flays State Govt.

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (BLU&BS)- Actor and BJP State Vice-President Malavika Avinash came down heavily on the State Government for the recent incidents that show the failure of the dispensation.

Speaking after inaugurating Nari Shakti Vandana programme of Chamaraja Assembly Constituency at Satya Pramoda Kalyana Mantap, on KRS Road in the city this morning, Malavika said, "The recent incidents of blast at Rameshwaram Cafe, pro-Pakistan slogans and atrocities against women reflect Taliban like culture under present Govt." However, BJP fosters a culture that is pro-women and even PM Modi always raises his voice against atrocities. City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Corporator Pramila Bharat, BJP Mahila Prabhari Hema Nandish, Media Convener Mahesh Raje Urs and other leaders were present.

Dr. Vikram Sampath's book released

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During the book release, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji emphasised the importance of understanding the history and significance of temples before visiting such spiritual sanctuaries. He stressed that devotees should acquaint themselves with the temple's significance, its historical background, and the presiding deity, as true devotion (Bhakti) plays a crucial role in attaining inner peace and salvation.

He likened a temple visit to a spiritual journey, cautioning against treating it merely as a routine excursion where one partakes in rituals without understanding their deeper meanings.

"Today, it has become fashionable to acquire VIP passes and seek speedy darshan at temples without truly grasping the spiritual and historical importance of these sacred places," he remarked. He noted that gaining an understanding of the significance of temples not only enhances knowledge but also fosters personal growth and moral development. He urged devotees to approach temple visits with reverence and a desire to learn, rather than solely focusing on the tourist value.

Unwavering resilience

Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji commended the unwavering resilience of the Hindu community, which persisted in rebuilding the Kashi temple despite facing repeated demolitions. **"Thankfully, with the assistance of Court interventions, we have been able to conduct pujas at the Gyan Vapi Temple, where the original Shiva Linga remains visible," he remarked.**

In his address, Dr. K.B. Ganapathy remarked on his couple of visits to Kashi, expressing surprise at the extensive security measures he saw at the temple premises. He lamented the absence of the grandeur that characterised the original temple, noting that security seemed to overshadow the temple's presence and sanctitiy.

Dr. Vikram Sampath noted that regardless of the destruction inflicted by invaders, a Hindu Temple inherently retains its identity as a sacred place of worship for Hindus. He pointed out that archaeological evidence consistently reaffirms this truth across countless generations.

He highlighted the significance of stones and pillars within these temples, which serve as tangible testaments to the devotion of the rulers of bygone eras who built these magnificent structures in reverence to the Gods.

Long-suppressed truths unravelled

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (BLU&BCT)- Similar to Ayodhya Ram Mandir dispute, the Gyan Vapi Temple finds itself entangled in a legal battle despite evidence. Dr. Sampath's book 'Waiting for Shiva: Unearthing the Truth of Gyan Vapi,' meticulously reconstructs the history, antiquity and sanctity of Kashi as the divine abode of Bhagwan Shiva in the form of Vishweshwara or Vishwanatha. According to legend, Shiva himself promised salvation to devotees who died in the city. Which is why many Hindus wish to die in Kashi, he said.

The book delves deep into the history of this **self-manifested 'Swayambhu Jyotirlinga'** shrine of Vishweshwara, which has served as a haven for the faithful and endured attacks from external invaders throughout the centuries.

Dr. Sampath's narrative chronicles the tumultuous events in the temple's past and retraces the complex history of this contentious site, highlighting the various legal battles and dramatic upheavals it has witnessed.

Drawing from a wide array of sources including Vedic and Puranic texts, Sanskrit literature, Agama shastras, Jataka tales, Persian accounts, foreign travelogues and legal documents spanning from British era to modern Indian courts, the book sheds light on long-suppressed truths surrounding the Temple.

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Date of Registration and written test for all the above posts	**11.03.2024**
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Prize-winners of Women's Kabaddi Tournament

The students of Teresian College, Mysuru, who won the Kabaddi Tournament, are seen with (standing from left) Dr. V. Manjunath, IQAC Coordinator; Subhash, Physical Education Director, Vidya Vikas FGC, Mysuru; Dhanalakshmi, Assistant Professor; Dr. Manju, Head, Department of M.Com; Dr. R. Nalini, Principal (In-Charge) and Head, Department of Commerce; Anthony Moses, Physical Education Director and MCICT Convenor, Mysuru; Udaya Kumar, Physical Education Director; Dr. H.K. Prasad, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce; Jayashree, Physical Education Director, Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women.

The students of Vidya Vikas FGC, Mysuru — the runners-up.

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women, Mysuru, in association with the Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM) and Teresian College, Mysuru, had organised the Women's Kabaddi Tournament at Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women Sports Grounds recently.

Chief guest of the programme Prameela, National-level Kabaddi Player, Beat-Forester, Bengaluru, inaugurated the Tournament by watering a sapling. Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women Principal (in-charge) Dr. Nalini, Head, Department of Commerce, presided over the event.

Anthony Moses, Physical Education Director, Teresian College & Mysuru City Inter Collegiate Tournament (MCICT) Convenor, Basavaraju, Gazetted Manager, Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women, Udaya Kumar & Jayashree, Physical Education Directors, Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women and the Official In-Charge of the MCICT Men and Women Kabaddi Tournament, College Staff, students and Kabaddi players were present at the event.

Around 13 Colleges took part in the tournament.

RESULTS

Final — Teresian College, Mysuru, **BEAT** Vidya Vikas FGC, Mysuru, 15-13.

Third Place — GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, **BEAT** Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, 15-09.

First Semi-Final: Teresian College, Mysuru, **BEAT** GSSSIETW, Mysuru, 12-10.

Second Semi Final: Vidya Vikas FGC, Mysuru, **BEAT** Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru 20-10.

TODAY'S MATCH
(MARCH 6)

GG Vs **RCB**
Arun Jaitley Stadium,
New Delhi - **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH
(MARCH 7)

UPW Vs **MI**
Arun Jaitley Stadium,
New Delhi - **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

DC 192 / 4 (20 overs)
BEAT
MI 163 / 8 (20 overs)

Live action on:
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CRICKET TALK

By V.N. Prasad

Bravo Bharatiyas

Heartiest congratulations on clinching the series 3-1; with one Test to spare, at Dharamshala

Sans big names in the side, our boys exhibited deep resolve in winning the crucial 3rd Test at Ranchi; and thereby clinching the series 3-1. Name that resonated the cricketing world was Dhruv Jurel and deservedly was adjudged the 'Player of the Match.' The young lad looks compact and composed; more in front of the wickets than behind.

Discipline begins at home. Duties, Responsibilities, Disposition under pressure, Braving it out when necessary, Never to sulk under pressure, Well blent Caution and Aggression et al. Young Dhruv Jurel exhibited it all at Ranchi to essay a brilliant and a 'Face Saving' 90 in the 1st inning and a resolute 39 not out, in the 2nd as we took an unassailable 3 - 1 lead over England. I am not taking away anything from the others who contributed to the cause, but Jurel's knocks were outstanding.

Son of Retired Havildar Nem Chand; a Kargil War Veteran, has grown up saluting his father whenever he achieved small feats. One wondered as to why he did a 'Salute' on completing his maiden test 50 in the 1st inning, only clarified later at an interview. All the attributes of a Soldier's son were on display in both the innings — as the High Tension Drama ended as Jurel stroked one off the hip; on the 4th day, to clinch the Test and the series. Like 'Jurel Fish', both his knocks were fleshy, juicy, tasty; much akin to Mackerel. He needs to concentrate and consolidate. Consistency is the key, going forward.

Quickly, I need to mention here of the absolutely 'Atrocious' wicket the curator had prepared. The cracks on the opening day itself looked like the skin of an Alligator and produced ugly and anxious moments constantly; many of the dismissals were horrendous and unacceptable. Not the first time though. The International Cricket Council has to set up a committed team to delve into "Theory of Soil Mechanics" and come out with definitive soil mix formulae; so as to produce sporting wickets. At Ranchi, batsmen played with fear than free flow. Imagine Shubman Gill playing 119 deliveries in the 2nd inning, before he smote two big sixes nearing the end. To say the least, "Ranchi Curator" and his team need to be fined heavily for the atrocious 22 yards. 'Litmus Test' on batsmen? Bullshit. It was an agricultural track.

English 1st inning was shaky though Zak Crawley (42) and Ben Foakes (47) rallied around a defiant Joe Root. Root scored a brilliant 122 not out. When Tom Hartley was out at 245, curtains were staring at the English. But, Ollie Robinson's 58 helped them build a respectable 353. In reply, Bharatiyas collapsed; save young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who scored a stroke filled 73. Seven down at 177, Englishmen had a strangle-hold on us. Later, it was the sordid partnership between Dhruv Jurel (90) and Kuldeep Yadav (28) that took us to 307; still short by 46 runs. Kuldeep's defiance was laudable.

Second inning of the English was more of 'Acrobatics on a Circus Net' than any cricket. Barring Zak Crawley (60), none else looked comfortable as they folded up at 145; leaving India to get 192 for a victory. Kuldeep with 4 for 22 and Ashwin with 5 for 51 polished the English.

At Ranchi, Ashwin created a few personal records. He equalled Anil Kumble's record of 35 numbers 5 wicket hauls. His tally of 354 currently is 4 more than Kumble's at 350.

Ashwin also became the first Indian to scalp more than 100 Test wickets against two nations — Australia and England. He further etched the record of scoring 1000 Test runs and 100 wickets against same opponents; England. Heartiest congratulations to him on his achievements.

Continuing the saga at Ranchi, skipper Rohit Sharma and dashing Yashasvi Jaiswal started to see off 30 minutes of the 3rd day, chasing 192. Both stroked fluently, confusing the world that there was no Devil in the Pitch, ending the day at 40 for none and at a good rate.

Resuming on the 4th day, hell broke loose as Rohit (55) and Jaiswal (37) got out in quick succession. Subsequent ones of Rajat Patidar, Ravindra Jadeja and Sarfaraz Khan fell cheaply. Track started playing tricky. Atmosphere turned tense as we were reduced to 120 for 5. What was assumed to fold off comfortably in our favour came to a horrendous halt. The doors were wide open. It was anybody's game.

This was when the young Jurel joined Gill and exhibited a masterly knock, while Gill dropped Sheet Anchor. Both crafted a beautiful partnership of 72 runs to bring victory. Bravo boys. We feel sorry for the English. They are a much better side than what they appeared to be. Best to them and the Bharatiyas in the final Test to be played from tomorrow at Dharamshala▪

KR MLA Srivatsa takes out padayatra at Agrahara

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SBD&BS)- Krishnaraja (KR) MLA T.S. Srivatsa took out a padayatra at Ward No. 51 (Agrahara) in city yesterday and received grievances from the residents of the ward.

Srivatsa took stock of basic infrastructural facilities on the main road and streets and gave a patient hearing to the grievances. He also directed the Officials to take steps at the earliest to address queries related to basic infrastructural facilities.

Srivatsa inspected the works on laying stone slabs for underground drainage network on Ramanuja Road and instructed the contractor to complete the works soon. Following the complaints of road works going on in a snail's pace severely inconveniencing motorists and pedestrians alike, with even KSRTC buses not plying on the route and impending rainy season expected to turn the situation worse, the MLA assured to expedite the works towards completion.

MLA Srivatsa also directed the Officers not to be negligent towards the civic issues in the absence of a Corporator. If anybody brings civic issues to notice, they should be addressed, with more priority for basic amenities, MLA Srivatsa said.

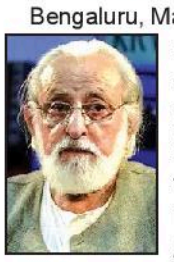
Former Corporator B.V. Manjunath, BJP leader Jogi Manju and others were present.

Inauguration of MLA's Office today

Kartavya Bhavan, the Office of MLA T.S. Srivatsa will be opened at Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) premises at 5 pm today.

Henceforth, public can submit their queries related to Krishnaraja Constituency at this Office.

Life-time Achievement Award for Film Director M.S. Sathyu



M.S. Sathyu

Bengaluru, Mar. 6- Noted Film Director and theatre personality M.S. Sathyu has been selected for the prestigious 'Life-time Achievement Award' given by the State Government during the ongoing 15th Bengaluru International Film Festival.

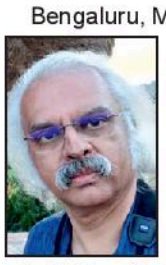
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in a message on X (formerly Twitter), stated that the State Government has selected renowned Film Director Mysuru Srinivas Sathyu (M.S. Sathyu) for the prestigious life-time achievement award, in recognition of his contribution to the film industry and theatre. Hindi film 'Garam,' directed by M.S. Sathyu had bagged many National and International film awards. 'Hakeekat,' his first film as an Art Director had bagged the Filmfare Award, while Kannada film 'Bara,' directed by him, had bagged many State and National awards.

'Darashiko,' a play directed by M.S. Sathyu, had secured a prize for the best modern play.

CM Siddaramaiah has congratulated M.S. Sathyu, who hails from his home district of Mysuru.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will present the award to Sathyu on Mar. 7, the concluding day of the ongoing 15th Bengaluru International Film Festival at Bengaluru.

Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy is Kuvempu University VC



Prof. Sharath

Bengaluru, Mar. 6- Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy, currently serving as a Physics faculty at University of Hyderabad, has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University, Shivamogga. He is the son of Jnanpith awardee and noted writer late Prof. U.R. Ananthamurthy..

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, in a notification issued on Tuesday, stated that Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy, serving at University of Hyderabad, has been appointed as Kuvempu University VC for a period of four years or till he attains the age of 67 years, whichever is earliest.

The Kuvempu University VC post had been lying vacant after B.P. Veerabhadrappa's term ended on Aug.1, 2023.

It may be mentioned that Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy, who was an aspirant for the VC's post of the over century-old University of Mysore (UoM) in 2022-23, had moved the Court after the Governor appointed Prof. N.K. Lokanath as the VC in Mar. 2023.

Though the Karnataka High Court granted stay on Prof. Lokanath's appointment in June last year while hearing a petition filed by Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy, the Supreme Court upheld the appointment of Prof. Lokanath as the UoM Vice-Chancellor last month.

Scooter rally by BJP Mahila Morcha marks 'Nari Shakti Vandana Yatra'

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (PM&VNS)- With Lok Sabha elections just round the corner, members of BJP Mahila Morcha have jumped into election mode through 'Nari Shakti Vandana Yatra' being held across the country.

As a part of the programme, members of Narasimharaja (NR) Constituency BJP Mahila Morcha took out a scooter rally from 1008 Ganapathi Circle at Rajendranagar in city yesterday.

Flagging-off the scooter rally, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy said that the 'Nari Shakti Vandana Yatra' was being organised to create awareness among the people on the initiatives launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well as the previous BJP State Government for the welfare and empowerment of women.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government has launched several programmes in the past 10 years to provide opportunities for women to empower themselves. Though Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister, Women's Reservation Bill was not passed in the Parliament. It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who ensured that the bill was passed to provide 33 percent reservation for women in the Parliament," he said and requested women to support PM Modi in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Highlighting some of the welfare schemes announced by the Central Government, Swamy said that schemes such as *Ujwala Yojana, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana and Jaladhara Yojana* among others had helped women across the country.

The rally passed through Rajendranagar arch, Shivaji Main Road, FTS Circle and Mahatma Gandhi Road before culminating at Maruthi Circle in N.R. Mohalla. NR Constituency BJP Mandal President Manju, Secretary Bhanuprakash, Padmanabh, Vinod and others were present.

Similar rally was also organised in Chamaraja Constituency which was flagged-off by BJP City President L. Nagendra.

BJP Chamaraja Constituency President Dinesh Gowda, BJP City General Secretary Mahesh, BJP Yuva Morcha City President R. Rakesh Gowda, Mahila Morcha President Renuka Raj, General Secretary Mamatha Shetty and others were present.

Mahashivarathri celebrations at Suttur Srikshetra

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (TRR) - As part of Mahashivarathri festival, special programmes have been organised at Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud on Mar. 8.

Special pujas will be held from 6 pm to 6 am at Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Gaddige. Special pujas will also be held at Sri Mahadeshwara, Sri Someshwara, Sri Veerabhadreshwara, Sri Nanjundeshwara and Sri Narayanaswamy Temples. Shivadeeksha and Silver Chariot procession within the Mutt premises will be held at 7 pm and 9.30 pm respectively.

H.S. Raghavendra Rao and family of Hosakote will donate silver shield to the doors of Sri Nanjundeshwara Temple.

At the Gaddige premises, events like cultural programmes by JSS Residential School students will be held at 5.30 pm. This will be followed by devotional songs by Ruthvik C. Raj and team from Mysuru at 8 pm. Mythological play 'Bhookailasa' by JSS B.Ed College students at 10 pm, 'Shivakatha Sankeerthana' by Dr. Lakshmandas Shastry at 11 pm, 'Bhaktisudhe' by Nadalahari troupe from Mysuru at 1 am, 'Madeshwara Kathana' by Sri Siddappaji Neelagarara Sangha of Ramasamudra at 3 am and Bhajans by Sri Basaveshwara Bhajana troupe of Horalavadi will be held at 5 am.

Continuous Akhanda Bhajan programmes by various bhajan troupes will be held at Sri Mutt and Gaddige from 6 am on Friday to 6 am on Saturday.

Special Amavasya puja will be held on Mar. 10.

The Mutt has appealed devotees and the general public to participate in Mahashivarathri celebrations in large numbers.

'Cinerama 2024' National-level Short Film Festival concludes at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Film Director P. Sheshadri, Veteran actress Vinaya Prasad, Music Director-Singer Gurukiran and actor Prem star attractions

The award winners in various categories of "Cinerama 2024" National-level Short Film Festival conducted at Amrita Mysuru campus seen with actor 'Lovely Star' Prem, singer & music director Gurukiran and others during the valedictory ceremony.

Film Director P. Sheshadri inaugurating 'Cinerama 2024' at Amrita premises in Bogadi II Stage as veteran actress Vinaya Prasad and others look on. Picture alongside shows actor Prem and singer - music director Gurukiran dancing with students during the valedictory.

Mysuru, Mar. 6- The two-day 6th National-level Short Film Festival 'Cinerama - 2024,' organised by the Department of Visual Communication, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, concluded recently.

National Award-Winning Film Director P. Sheshadri inaugurated the Festival at Amrita premises in Bogadi II Stage on Day-1.

Speaking on the occasion, he said: "In the film industry, we are surrounded by front light, back light and fill light. What is more significant is internal illumination." He delved into the profound importance of visual media, expressing that while external lighting techniques enhance the visual appeal of a film, internal illumination, metaphorically referring to creativity and artistic depth, is equally crucial.

Veteran actress Vinaya Prasad, who was the chief guest, emphasised the importance of pursuing passion rather than solely chasing success.

With an extensive 32-year tenure in South Indian Film Industry, she cautioned against prioritising glamour, name or fame, as such pursuits may lead to short-lived dreams.

Valedictory

Renowned Music Director and Singer Gurukiran and popular Actor 'Lovely Star' Prem, who were the chief guests at the valedictory, gave away awards to winners of various categories.

Speaking on the occasion, Gurukiran emphasised the unparalleled demand that the cine industry experiences, asserting that no other industry can rival its unique position.

He said that immersing oneself in the production team is the key to truly understanding and appreciating the resilience of the cine industry, as it provides invaluable first-hand experience.

Actor Prem said that the Kannada film industry actively seeks numerous actors and technicians. In the past, individuals had to actively search for directors, but nowadays, directors are readily approaching those with genuine talent. He also urged the audience to exclusively experience films in theatres rather than on mobile phones.

Students from Amrita gave an enchanting dance performance. Celebrity guests too danced along with the students. Later Gurukiran rendered a song titled "Amma.. Ninnee Januma..," evoking emotional responses from audience.

The festival featured screening of top shortlisted films from budding film-makers across various States, with around 100 entries from different institutions and Universities. Prizes included certificates, mementos and cash awards worth over Rs.1 lakh.

Besides the competition, the festival comprised workshops and interactions with eminent resource persons from cinema industry. Sessions on film editing, conducted under the title 'Selected Takes' by Appu N. Bhattathiri, a distinguished Film Editor and Director, as well as content acquisition on OTT platforms, and career scope in non-fiction entertainment, 'Tales Over the Top' by Swati Sapna, Manager - Original Non-Fiction Programming at Netflix India, were organised.

Prof. Shekar Babu, Associate Dean; Prof. G. Ravindranath, Principal; Br. Anantaananda Chaitanya, Director, Amrita Mysuru; Br. Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent, Amrita Mysuru; Dr. Rekha Bhat, Academic Coordinator; Dr. Moulya Baladi, Chairperson, Department of Visual Communication and others were present during the concluding event.

Award Winners

Best Short Film - 1st place: Parag Sawant - Pankhol (Marati; **2nd place:** R. Prem Kumar - Karpi (Tamil); **3rd place:** Ananthu Ramesh, Dwayam (Malayalam).

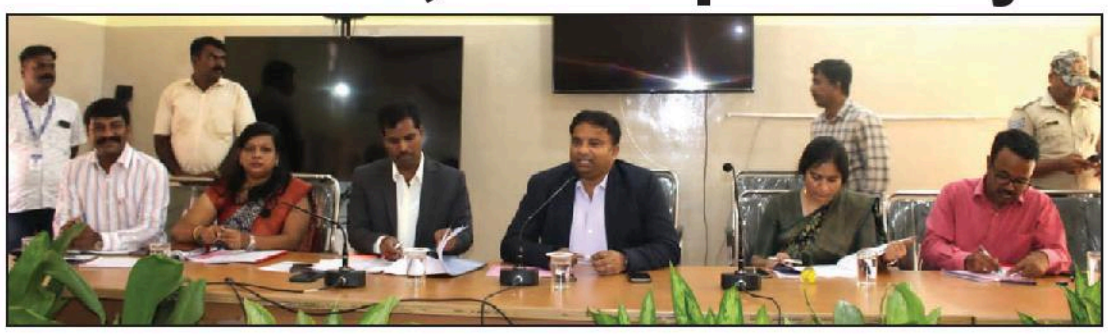
Best Titles (Special Category Awards): Best Editor - Pradip Patil, Pankhol (Marati); **Best Director -** Ananthu Ramesh, Dwayam (Malayalam); **Best Cinematographer -** Parag Sawant, Pankhol (Marati); **Best Performer:** Banupriya, Karpi (Tamil); **Best Screenplay -** Vignesh Paramashivam, Thunai (Tamil).

Separate categories of Amrita Awards were presented to the students of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Mysuru Campus to encourage and maintain the spirit of film-making.

Mysuru's Raghuleela School of Music presents *Sankeertane* at Ayodhya

The team from Raghuleela School of Music, Mysuru, which presented Sankeertane at Ayodhya Ram Mandir recently.

DCs emphasise electoral fairness, transparency



Mysuru, Mar. 6 (BCT)- In a preparatory meeting for the forthcoming Lok Sabha general elections - 2024, held at the K.R. Nagar Taluk Panchayat Hall yesterday, Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of Mysuru and Mandya, Dr. K.V. Rajendra and Dr. Kumar respectively, reiterated the critical need for conducting the elections with utmost fairness, transparency and integrity.

Emphasising the importance of conducting the upcoming elections without any irregularities, the DCs highlighted the crucial role of officials entrusted with the task. They stressed that ensuring the success of the elections relies heavily on the execution of responsibilities with utmost accountability.

During the meeting, Dr. Rajendra and Dr. Kumar directed all Sector Officers to conduct thorough inspections of all polling stations, including micro and ultra-micro-level polling booths, to identify and rectify any deficiencies promptly.

Furthermore, they suggested officials coordinate with the Booth Level Officers (BLO) and personally visit sensitive and hyper-sensitive booths to ensure a smooth and efficient electoral process. Officials were asked to fill up vulnerable mapping (VM) forms VM 1, VM 2 and VM 3 in coordination with the BLOs and report to the higher officers.

With the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct in the interior locations, the officials were instructed to establish check-posts in accordance with rules. They emphasised providing essential facilities to personnel stationed at these check-posts and conducting regular vehicle checks to maintain the integrity of the electoral process.

The DCs highlighted the importance of Sector Officers taking on the responsibility of coordinating among various departments, BLOs and other electoral machinery officials. They underscored the need for efficient discharge of duties and responsibilities, including those delegated by the Election Commission.

Additionally, officials were instructed to remove public posters and banners within the specified time frame in all areas and prepare a detailed list of the status of workers, supervisors and officials examining the publicity materials meticulously at the ground level. Additionally, they were asked to be well-informed about the notifications, guidelines and other information published by the Election Commission from time to time.

Present at the meeting were Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) Supriya Banagar and Tahsildars of K.R. Nagar and Saligrama were present.

Man on video call with wife run over by train

Nanjangud, Mar. 6- A man, who was talking to his wife on video call and crossing the railway track, was run over by a train at Doddakavalande village in the taluk yesterday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Manusami (30), a native of Bihar who was working as a carpenter at the village. Yesterday morning, Manusami, who had gone to attend nature's call, was on his way back and was on a video call with his wife while crossing the railway track when he came under the train coming from Chamarajanagar to Mysuru and was killed.

Railway Assistant Sub-Inspector Srinivas Murthy, who reached the spot along with his staff, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to Chamarajanagar District Hospital mortuary.

The family of Manusami was informed about the tragedy and the Railway Police have registered a case.

Two-wheeler lifters held

Nine vehicles worth Rs. 6 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (KS)- Metagalli Police, on Feb. 25, took two persons who were riding two-wheelers without registration number plate near Varuna Canal Bridge into custody and interrogated them.

Based on the information provided by the two riders, the Police took two more persons into custody and questioned them during which the Police came to know that all the four were two-wheeler lifters and had stolen bikes and scooters in various Police limits in Mysuru city, Mandya and Hassan districts. The Police have recovered nine two-wheelers worth Rs. 6 lakh from them.

Following the arrest of four accused, the Police have solved 2 cases each in Metagalli, Srirangapatna and Pandavapura Police Stations and one case each in KRS, Melukote and Hassan district's Extension Police Stations.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP Gajendra Prasad guided Metagalli Inspector Shantharam, Sub-Inspectors Shabarish and Jothsnaraj, ASI Joseph Noronha and staff Abhijith, Parashuram, Harish and Manik in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Temporary non-teaching staff of Sir MV PG Centre in a fix

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (SBD&BS)- Temporary employees of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Post-Graduate (PG) Centre, Tubinakere, Mandya district are in a fix, following the change in guard from University of Mysore to Mandya University.

The PG Centre was earlier functioning under the jurisdiction of Mysore Varsity, but following the decision of the State Government to establish Universities at every district, it was handed over to Mandya Varsity along with movable and immovable assets and teaching and non-teaching staff. However, over 30 non-teaching staff working on a temporary basis at the PG Centre are staring at uncertainty with Mandya Varsity authorities citing legal hurdles to continue their service.

These employees submitted a memorandum at Crawford Hall, the administrative office of University of Mysore on Tuesday and shared their ordeal before media persons.

On the other hand, Registrar of Mandya Varsity had written to his counterpart in Mysore Varsity recently to clarify his stand over the issue.

"While a total of 26 teaching staff and 219 non-teaching staff were handed over from Mysore Varsity to Mandya Varsity along with movable and immovable assets, there is no order related to temporary staff. They have been relieved from service in September 2023 coming under Academic Year 2022-23, with no order related to continuation of their service for academic year 2023-24. Moreover, the non-teaching staff of Mandya University have already moved Court against recruiting any staff of the same cadre," added Registrar of Mandya Varsity, citing legal complications.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar. 6 (KS)- Nazarbad Police, on Feb. 27, have found a body of an unidentified man in front of Maharaja Complex on B.N. Road and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

The deceased is aged between 40 and 45 years, 5.4 ft. tall, normal built, round faced, dark complexioned and was wearing a white full arm shirt and blue, black and white coloured dhoti.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Mallangada N. Prasad

Mysuru, Mar. 6- Mallangada N. Prasad (75), a resident of Vaishnavi Apartments in Yadavagiri, passed away this afternoon in city. He leaves behind his wife Kademada Thara, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam at 5 pm today.

S.A. Mohan

S.A. Mohan (78), Associate Vice-President (retd.), JK Tyres, Mysuru and a former resident of T.K. Layout in city, passed away at his residence in Bengaluru last evening. He was also the former President of Lions Club of Mysore West.

He leaves behind his wife Jayanthi Mohan, son Pavaman, daughter-in-law Shruti, daughter Bharathi, son-in-law Deepak and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Bengaluru this morning.

Centenarian Boramma

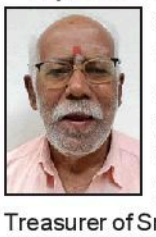
Boramma (100), retired Head Mistress of Nazarbad Lower Primary School and a resident of Nazarbad, passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

Abdul Rashid

Abdul Rashid (84), Proprietor of Delux Watch Works and a resident of Mandi Mohalla, passed away following age-related ailments on Sunday in city. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle on Sunday evening.

Yajaman D. Ramaswamy



Yajaman D. Ramaswamy, son of late Boraiah and a resident of Paduvarahalli, passed away yesterday in city. He had served as the Treasurer of Sri Vidya Ganapathi Temple Trust in Paduvarahalli.

He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

WORD OF THE DAY

Connive

Pronunciation: kuh-NYVE (verb)
Meaning: To connive is to secretly help someone do something dishonest or illegal.
Origin: Connive may not seem like a term that would raise many hackles, but it certainly raised those of Wilson Follett, a usage critic who lamented that the word "was undone during the Second World War, when restless spirits felt the need of a new synonym for plotting, bribing, spying, conspiring, engineering a coup, preparing a secret attack." Follett thought connive should only mean "to wink at" or "to pretend ignorance." Those senses are closer to the Latin ancestor of the word: connive comes from the Latin verb connivēre, which means "to close the eyes" and which is descended from -nivēre, a form akin to the Latin verb nictare, meaning "to wink." But many English speakers disagreed, and the "conspire" sense is now the world's most widely used meaning.
Example: "The truth is that conflict on the river will never be stilled because there will always be more demand for the water than there is water. As I reported in 'Colossus,' my 2010 book about the building of Hoover Dam, [Herbert] Hoover and his deputy, Arthur Powell Davis, connived in 1922 to exaggerate the Colorado River's flow in order to persuade all seven states that it carried enough water to serve their interests, then and into the future." — Michael Hiltzik, The Los Angeles Times, 8 Feb. 2023

THE ODD WORD

Discombobulate

To disconcert or confuse.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Stone Dead

Meaning: The phrase 'Stone Dead' means dead; unquestionably dead; long dead.
Origin: Scholars are not certain about the origin of 'Stone Dead' but it is a term that is quite easy to understand. The saying is believed to be a variation on a 1350 idiom: 'Dead as a doornail.' About the same time, people used idioms such as 'Dead as mutton,' 'Dead as herring,' and 'Dead as a stone.'
Example: "The cat was stone dead & stiff as a board by the time we got to him."

QUOTE BOX

Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts. **— Winston S. Churchill**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

WIN EEE

Answer: Win with ease.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Jab or prod at
5 'Sea' in French
8 Detest or abhor
12 Alright
13 Flightless bird
14 Elderly
15 ___ Stanley Gardener : mystery writer?
16 Beg to differ
18 French month
19 Rich cake
20 Girl starting to make an announcement
21 Flat circular plate
23 Town in Ladakh
25 Tomb
27 Albums
31 Cuban cash
32 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?
33 River to the Ubangi
34 Small bird
36 English racecourse
37 An evergreen tree
38 Jazz singer Laine
39 Orig. sound track
42 Like a lot
44 Bustle, energy
47 Spread of a people from their homeland
49 Moon of Jupiter
50 Unit of length
51 Certainly not dry!
52 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
53 Write or enter
54 Natl. Stock Exchg.
55 __ __ example : e.g. ? (2,2)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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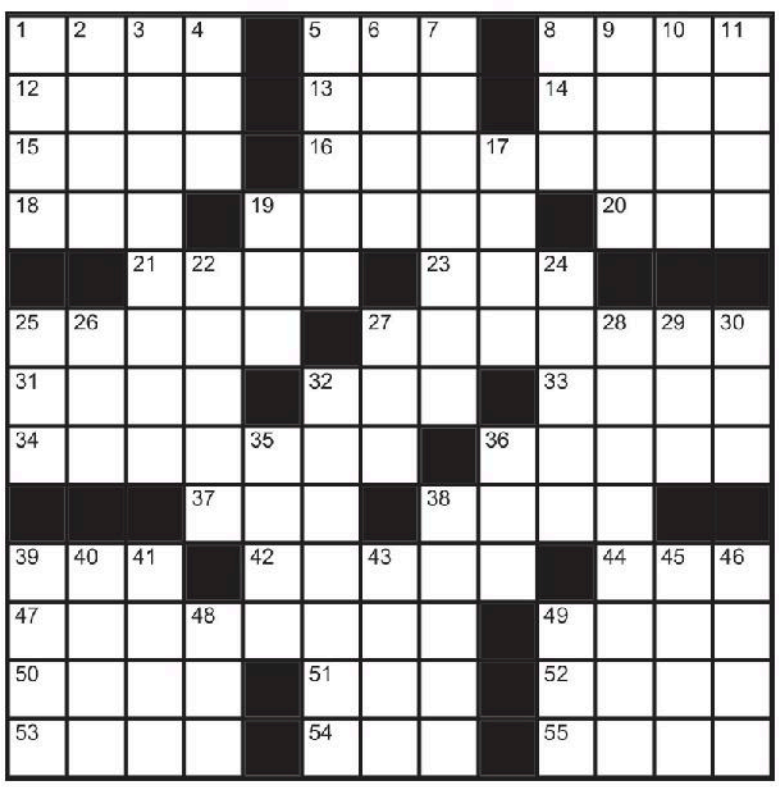
DOWN
1 Sonnet or verse
2 Ladies' fingers
3 Great Sanskrit poet of Meghadoot and Raghuvamsa
4 Roving __ : tendency to ogle?
5 A French wine
6 Islamic chieftain
7 Steals cattle?
8 Ugly old woman; witch
9 City in UP
10 Adolescent
11 Kolkata's ___ Gardens
17 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
19 Mao ___ Tung
22 Tusk of an elephant
24 Residence
25 Navigational system in short
26 A textile fabric of wool, cotton or silk
27 Line or sequence
28 Gets back or gets better
29 Dead Letter Off.
30 Put in place
32 Inside information (slang) (3-4)
35 Cut the grain crop
36 Brewed liquor
38 Packing-case
39 Norse god
40 Chinese, prefix.
41 Diplomacy
43 Mine products
45 Concept
46 Principal
48 Ursula's film
49 A tract of open ground, especially a grassland or a meadow



SUDOKU

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		9		1		3	6	
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Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	9	6	3	2	5	7	8
2	6	8	9	7	5	4	3	1
5	7	3	4	1	8	6	2	9
3	9	4	7	2	1	8	6	5
8	2	6	3	5	9	7	1	4
1	5	7	8	4	6	3	9	2
9	8	5	2	6	7	1	4	3
7	4	2	1	8	3	9	5	6
6	3	1	5	9	4	2	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TP GAAVTPB DRLV, T JYY PAFUTPB FA

EYBEYF RPK GTFFGY FA LAEEYLF.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A pure hand needs no glove to cover it.

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- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
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Chaari 111 (Te)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Dune: Part Two (E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 10.25 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 7.20 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am, 9.45 pm
Jugalbandi (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Manjumale (Ma)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.05

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Namo Bharath (K)	:	10.45 am
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.55 am, 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Jugalbandi -2024 (K)	:	1.25 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.25 pm
Purushothamana Prasanga (K)	:	4.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Kreem (K)	:	4.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Shakhahaari (K)	:	6.30 pm
For Regn. (K)	:	6.35 pm

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Article 370 (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	9.45 am, 3.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Operation Valentine (H)	:	6.35 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.20 am, 1.25 pm, 7.25 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	10.35 am, 4.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	11.55 am
Dune: Part Two (E)	:	12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7 pm 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	12.40 pm
Joshua: Imai Pol Kaakha (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.05 pm
Varanam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	4.30 pm
Kreem (K)	:	6.55 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	11.40 am, 3 pm 6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.00 pm, 10.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 6)

- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Bahuroopi-2024 National Theatre Festival, Janapada Sambhrama - folk artiste Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy inaugurates, folklorist Dr. Jayalakshmi Seethapura chief guest; 'Jogati Nrutya' - Jeevana Belaku Kala Tanda, Rona, Gadag; 'Geegee Pada' - Jaibheem Gegee Kala Tanda, Neelagunda, Gadag, Kindarijogi premises, Rangayana, **5.30 pm;** 'Vachana Gayana' by Ramachandra Hadapada and Troupe, Mysuru, Vanaranga, **7 pm.**
- **Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Mahasabha:** 'Devaranama' by N. Srinath and team, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by J.K. Suvidya, disciple of Vidu. Padmini Rao, CA-5, SBM Colony, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 7)

- **Ministry of Tourism, District Administration and Tourism Department, Mysuru:** Live Screening - Prime Minister Narendra Modi to virtually lay foundation stone for Centre's PRASHAD and SWADESH DARSHAN 2.0 Schemes including Mysuru's Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development, Ecological Experience Zone and Tonga Ride Heritage Experience Zone, CM Siddaramaiah, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh and Jungle Lodges & Resorts Chairman Anil Chikkamadu guests of honour, MPs Prathap Simha, V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish chief guests, Mysuru Zoo Amphitheatre, **10.15 am.**

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- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Bahuroopi-2024, Wildlife Photographer Lokesh Mosale inaugurates Bahuroopi Film Fest, Festival Convenor K. Manu delivers keynote address, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **10.30 am;** Screening of movies *Adhya Vachanakararu* (Kannada; Director - Veerappa Maralavadi) and *Basavanna* (Kannada; Director - Veerappa Maralavadi), **10.30 am;** *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* (English; Director - Hall Bartlett), **12 noon;** *Into the White* (English; Director: Petter Naess), Sriranga auditorium, **2 pm;** Renowned lyricist Jayanth Kaikini inaugurates Theatre Fest, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates Books and Handicrafts Expo, Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi releases souvenir, MP Prathap Simha inaugurates Painting Expo, Kannada and Culture Secretary Dr. N. Manjula unveils 'Vachanantaranga' special painting exhibits of artist Shivalingappa based on Basavanna's vachanas, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra inaugurates display of historical documents, Kannada & Culture Department Commissioner Dr. K. Dharanidevi Malagatti chief guest, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati and Bahuroopi-2024 Co-ordinator Prof. H.S. Umesh will be present, Vanaranga, **4.30 pm;** 'Dhangari Gaja' by Syappa Bandgar & Troupe, Maharashtra, 'Gudum Baja' by Mayaram Dhurwey & Troupe, Madhya Pradesh, 'Chande Vadana' by Guru and Troupe, Mysuru, 'Kamsale' by Nagaraju & Troupe, Mangala village, Chamarajanagar, 'Nadaswara' by Radhamma and Troupe, Vagarahalli, Channarayapatna and 'Gaarudi Gombe' by Jayaram & Troupe, Boranakoppalu, Arasikere, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Lokada Olahorage' by Rangasampada, Bengaluru (Original - Rabindranath Tagore; Design, Adaptation and Direction - B. Suresh), Kirurangamandira, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Muttisikondavanu' by Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru (Story - P. Lankesh; Adaptation and Direction - K.R. Nandini), Bhoomigeeta, **7 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Shishunala Shareefa' by *Padma Shri* Chindodi Leela's K.B.R. Drama Company, Davanagere (Direction - Chindodi L. Chandradhara), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

- **Basudev Somani College:** University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath releases the book 'Sabalikarana: Samajamukhi Chintanegalu' (edited by Dr. T. Ramesh), College premises, Kuvempunagar, **11.30 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji talks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Mahashivarathri events at Ganapathy Ashram

Mysuru, Mar. 6- The following programmes will be conducted on the occasion of Mahashivarathri celebrations at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road in Dattanagar, Mysuru, from Mar. 7 to 9:

Mar. 7 — 9 am: Sri Chakra Puja; **10 am:** Girija Kalyanam; **6 pm:** Sri Venkatamakhin Memorial and Tyagaraja Swamy Aradhana, mass singing of Tyagaraja Pancharatna compositions by many musicians.

Mar. 8 — 6 am: Maha Rudra Homa; **9 am:** Sri Chakra Puja, Maha Rudra Homa Purnahuti; **11 am:** Maha Rudra Abhishekam by devotees; **3 pm:** Puja to Moolikeshwara; **6.30 pm:** Rudra Abhisheka to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shivalinga by Sri Swamiji; **7 pm:** Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka by devotees, Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. K.S. Vishnudev with Vid. B.U. Ganesh Prasad on violin, Vid. Poongulam S. Subramnian on mridanga, Vid. G. Guruprasanna on kanjira; **10 pm:** 'Sthree Thaal Tharang' by Vidu. Sukanya Ramgopal - Ghata Tharang, Ghatam & Konnakol, Vidu. Jyothsna Manjunath - Violin, Vidu. Vani Manjunath - Flute, Vidu. Y.G. Srilatha - Veena, Vidu. G. Lakshmi - Mridanga, Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi M. Krishna - Morching; **11 pm:** Abhishekam to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga by Chanting Rudra Prashna Veda Mantras for 11 times with different decorations.

Mar. 9 — 12.10 am: Shivamrutham & Hanuman Chalisa Dance Ballet by Disciples of Vidu. Sreelakshmi Kumar - Vidu Sharika Koushik & Troupe; **3 am:** Shiva Bhajans - Divya Nama Sankeertana & Discourse by Sri Swamiji; **6 am:** Mahamangalarati to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga, Teertha & Prasada Distribution.

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Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Kreem (K)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dune - Part Two (E)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.20 pm
	(S-1)	3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 am; (S-2) 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	12 noon
Laapataa Ladies (H)	(S-1)	12.45 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 7.25 pm

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Dune: Part Two (E)	:	8.30 am, 12 noon, 3.30 pm 7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	11.40 am, 3 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4 pm, 10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

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38th Annual General Body Meeting for the year 2022-23 is scheduled to be held on **Sunday the 24th of March, 2024 at 10.00 AM**, Notices dispatched to Hon. Members by post. Those members who have not received the invitation are kindly requested to treat this publication as invitation and requested to attend the meeting without fail.

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